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BY LIFTING THEIR HANDS AGAINST THESE BROTHERS, THE PIGS HAVE LIFTED THEIR HANDS AGAINST THE BEST HUMANITY POSSESSES.



FRED HAMPTON
Murdered by Chicago Pigs December 4, 1969



LARRY ROBERSON
Murdered by Chicago Pigs
September 4, 1969



MARK CLARK
Murdered by Chicago Pigs
December 4, 1969



BABATUNDE X OMARWALI
Murdered by Chicago Pigs
July 27, 1970

At Funeral of Deputy Chairman FRED HAMPTON



THIS SOLDIER WENT TO KILL PEOPLE HE DIDN'T KNOW IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM ONLY TO RETURN AND FIND THAT AT HOME, THOSE WHO SEEK FREEDOM ARE KILLED!



SPURGEON 'JAKE' WINTERS
Murdered by Chicago Pigs
November 13, 1969



STERLING JONES
Murdered by Chicago Pigs
December 25, 1969

CHICAGO ILL.



Fred Hampton

The Spirits of FRED HAMPTON and MARK CLARK Live On



Mark Clark

STRIKE

LEAVE SCHOOL AND WORK AT 10:00 A.M.

NO SCHOOL

NO WORK

Dec. 4 1970

On December 4, 1969, Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton and Mark Clark of the Black Panther Party were assassinated by the fascist pigs of Chicago. We call on the people to demonstrate their contempt for the power structure and their determination to rid themselves of the oppressors.

DEMONSTRATE YOUR DETERMINATION TO STOP POLICE TERROR IN OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES

Time-12:00 Noon

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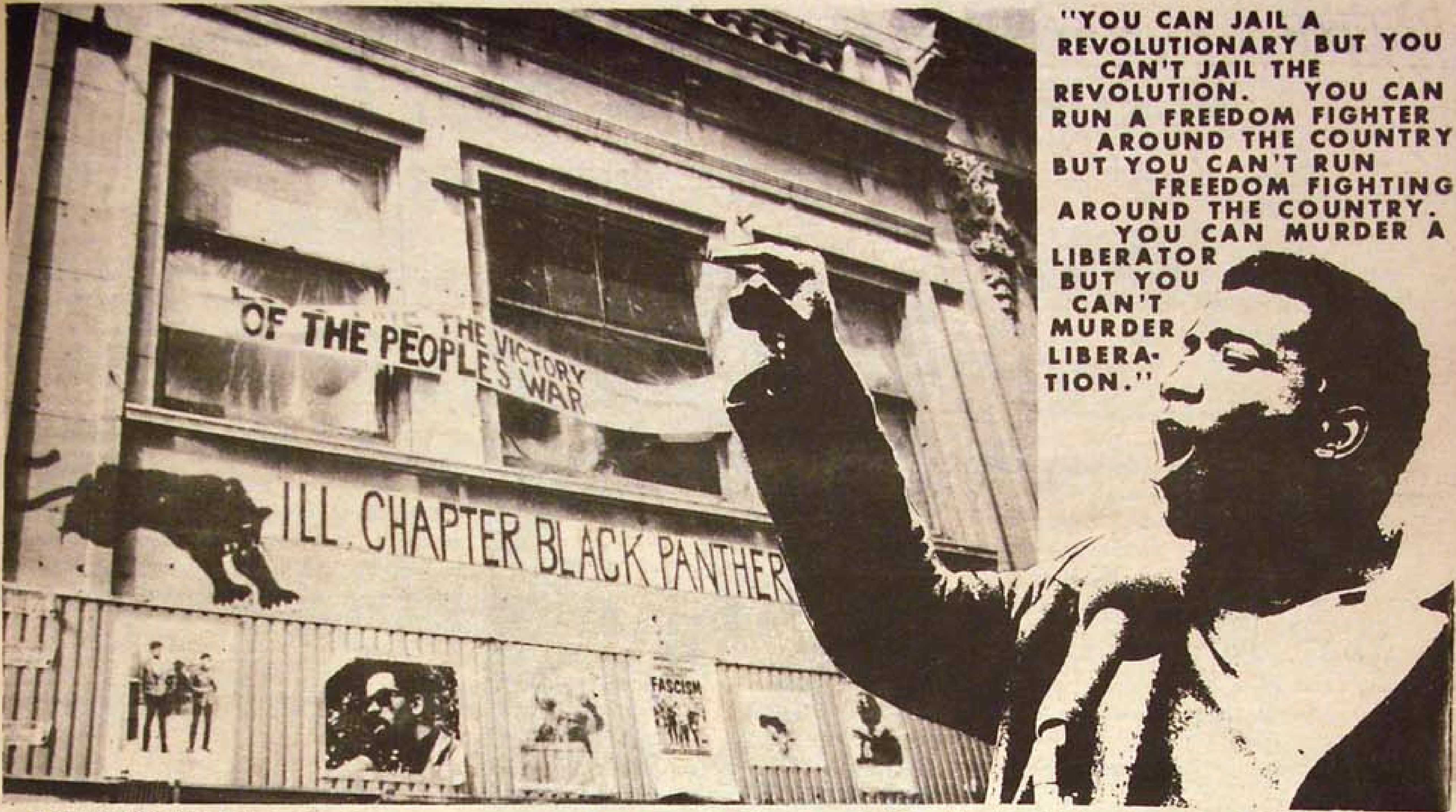
PEOPLE'S RALLIES

AT THESE LOCATIONS:

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Our Redeemer
6430 S. Harvard

NORTHSIDE
St. Dominic's
357 W. Locust

WESTSIDE
People's Church
201 S. Ashland



"YOU CAN JAIL A REVOLUTIONARY BUT YOU CAN'T JAIL THE REVOLUTION. YOU CAN RUN A FREEDOM FIGHTER AROUND THE COUNTRY BUT YOU CAN'T RUN FREEDOM FIGHTING AROUND THE COUNTRY. YOU CAN MURDER A LIBERATOR BUT YOU CAN'T MURDER LIBERATION."

In October 1967, Black Panther Party Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton was jailed; in April 1968 Black Panther Party Treasurer, Bobby Hutton was shot to death and Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver was wounded and jailed; in January 1969 Southern California, Deputy Minister of Defense, Alprentice 'Bunchy' Carter and Deputy Minister of Information, John Huggins were assassinated. In August 1969, Black Panther Party Chairman Bobby Seale was jailed.

Since its inception the Black Panther Party has suffered a long train of harsh abuses against its leadership on a state and national level. In their efforts to liquidate the Black Panther Party, the pigs have steadily ripped off the leadership by any means convenient to them.

The Illinois Chapter of the Black Panhter Party like all other chapters has been victimized unwantonly by the pigs in their efforts to destroy the Party. On three seperate occasions, the Chicago gestapo under the direction of the Daley (mayor of Chicago) regime have openly attacked the Illinois Chapter headquarters in Chicago. On June 4, 1969, approximately 500 pigs cordoned off a 2 mile area and made a pre-dawn raid on the office at 2350 W. Madison. A total of eight persons were arrested and charged with harboring a fugitive. Subsequently all charges were dropped because the pigs never did find the "fugitive".

On July 31, 1969, three Panthers defended this same office in a 45 minute shoot-out with the pigs. This incident started when pigs who were passing in front of the office for the fourth time opened fire. The brothers were beaten, jailed and charged with attempted murder. Bail for each of them was set at $20,000. After the arrests the pigs set fire to the office and completely burned the inside.

A third raid, on October 4, 1969, involved six Panthers and one community member who defended the office against several hundred pigs. This time the pig's excuse was that someone was sniping from the roof of the office. As in the two preceeding raids the pigs destroyed machines, food, the physical structure of the office itself and stole all the money.

Interspersed with these open attacks on the offices were constant jailings, beatings and murders. On June 10, 1969 the Breakfast coordinator, Larry Roberson, was shot to death after he defended himself against a pig attack. Larry was in the community collecting Breakfast donations when pigs opened fire on him after allegedly investigating an unheard of robbery.

On November 13, 1969 in a shootout that ended with three pigs dead and seven wounded, Panther, Spurgeon 'Jake' Winters was killed. A second brother, Lance Bell, involved in the shootout is now in jail charged with murder and other assorted crimes.



FRED HAMPTON SELLING THE PANTHER PAPER AND EDUCATING THE PEOPLE.

Consistently throughout his membership in the Black Panther Party, Illinois State Chapter Deputy Chairman, Fred Hampton was subjected to state's attorney Edward V. Hanrahan's special attention. On May 26, 1969, Fred was sentenced to serve from two to five years in the Statesville Penitentiary for robbing 71 ice-cream bars from a Good Humor truck. The charge itself was so absurd that the prosecution's entire case dealt with Fred's political beliefs which endorsed 'criminal or illegal activity'. At his sentencing, bootlicking Judge Sidney Jones admitted that he wanted Fred in jail for political reasons when he denied a defense motion for an appeal bond with the excuse that "He advocates armed revolution".

After the Deputy Chairman's imprisonment, the Illinois Chapter and the masses of people went on a campaign to "free Fred" (It was during this time that the first two attacks on the office occured) On the two days prior to his sentencing, Fred Hampton was given a trial by the community in a people's court. The actual testimony of the pig witnesses against Fred was stated and Fred acting in his own behalf pointed out the many contradictions in their testimony. The same defense witnesses who testified for Fred in his establishment trail, testified again before the people's court. A jury of Fred's peers found him not guilty of the charges.

The same people who found Fred not guilty, vigourously worked to free him after his incarceration. They worked to free Fred Hampton because he had committed himself to the ideology of the Black Panther Party and had implemented it on a very real level to the masses of people. Fred was the driving force behind the beginning of the Free Breakfast for Children Program and the People's Free Medical Clinic in Chicago.

Although he was remanded to Statesville prison, less than two weeks after his incarceration he was transfered to Menard prison where he was temporarily out of communication with other Party members. One week after his transfer, on June 10, 1969 he was indicted along with 16 other people by a Cook County Grand Jury for kidnapping. Bail on this charge was originally set at $100,000. On August 15, 1969, the indestructable spirit of the poeple was victorious and Fred Hampton was freed.



Fred speaking to the people, whom he loved.

From this point on Fred was the focal point of harassment wherever he went. However, Fred continued to implement on a practical level the politics of the Black Panther Party. During this period the people's love for the Party grew and they really began to understand the fascist repression under which all Black people suffer.



Ronald "Doc" Satchel, Fred Hampton, and Deputy Minister of Defense, Bob Rush

In a last desperate attempt to undermine the revolutionary activity of the masses in Illinois and across the country, Daley in conjunction with Hanrahan and with the enthusiastic endorsement of the Nixon - Agnew - Mitchell regime conspired the most blatantly fascist attack on the Black Panther Party.

In the pre-dawn hours of December 4, 1969 an expanded force of Chicago's finest fascists attacked Fred Hampton's home. The pig who lead the attack John, Ciszewski, was given one assignment which he dutifully carried out---that was to assassinate the Illinois State Deputy Chairman, Fred Hampton. Fred Hampton was shot to death as he lay in his bed asleep. The first shots fired into the house killed another fighter for liberation, Peoria, Illinois Defense Captain, Mark Clark. Seven other Panthers including Deputy Minister of Health, Ronald Satchell who survived the pig shoot-in with varying degrees of wounds were after several months of investigation freed from attempted murder on a pig charges.

Fred Hampton's assassin was successful in physically removing our Deputy Chairman. However, pigs are being sent to their graves a hundred fold as the words of Fred Hampton echo in the minds of the masses, "If you kill a few pigs you get a little satisfaction. If you kill some more pigs, you get some more satisfaction. And when you kill all the pigs, you get complete saticfaction."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT OF FRED HAMPTON!

THE YALE CORPORATION AND THE PRE-PLANNED MURDER OF CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE AND ERICKA HUGGINS

Yale is best described as a racist institution of corporate capitalism that is governed by a board made up from America's triangle of evil, government, finance and business. The most decadent of the ruling class circle compose this board. At the head of the list under government is John Lindsay the Mayor of New York City, who promotes communities for Blacks and Spanish speaking people such as Brownsville. Next to Lindsay is William Bundy, Assistant Secretary of State for Eastern Affairs in 1964 and a member of the CIA in 1965. Cyprus Vance, Secretary of the Army, 1962 to 1963 Deputy Secretary of Defense. William Warren Scranton, former Governor of Pennyslyvania and former boss of Philadelphia's gestapo Chief Rizzo. John Whitney, Advisor to Council of Public Affairs, Department of State. Caryl Haskins, Panel Advisor on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, also a trustee of Rand Corporation.

Under business there are the likes of Arthur Kithedge Watson, Chairman of the Board IBM Work Trade Corporation. Frederick Balwin Adams, Director of Atlantic Coast Line, Edwin Foster Blair, on the Board of Directors of Canada Dry Corporation. Under finance, there is the likes of Williams Horowitz, President and Director of the General Bank and Trust Company of New Haven and also Chairman of the Connecticut Board of Education, Joseph R. Dilworth, Chairman of the Board of Rockefeller Center Incorporated and also director of Chase Manhattan Bank and Chrysler Corporation. Spencer D. Mosely, President of American Transportation. Joseph I. Miller, Board of Directors of ATT, Chemical Bank, N.Y. Purity Stores and Equitable Life Insurance, also Trustee to Ford Foundation.

This tightly knit clique of gangsters control over seventy five percent of the land in New Haven which is owned by the Yale University Corporation. One of their chief lackeys is Police chief James . Ahern who is somewhat of a super pig. He serves the corporation well by maintaining a top guest APO force in the Black, poor White and Puerto Rican community. This super fascist is a native of New Haven, Conn. He entered police service in 1954 as a patrolman . In 1962 he was promoted to sergeant, in 1967 he was promoted to Lieutenant, in 1968 he was appointed Chief of Police. In 1967 Ahern was a special consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice. Also in 1967 he



CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE

was consultant to the office of Law Enforcement Assistance and Crime Control Act Task Force, whose activities involved planning the design for the Omnibus Crime Control and safe streets act of 1968. Chief Ahern is an associate fellow at Yale University.

'Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut is one of the focal points of the American capitalist system . It serves as a training ground for the elite in all fields and areas of government and business. It is institutions such as Yale that breeds the beast of oppression. The state of Connecticut under the direction of the United States of America, using a system of Class and race oppression taught and developed by Yale University, has taken on a task that is guaranteed to get Yale and possibly the state destroyed. Their task is to capture, and execute Bobby Seale, Ericka Huggins, Landon Williams, and Rory Hithe, it is the task of the people to liberate these political prisoners of war as soon as possible and by any means necessary. The lives of these revolutionaries are priceless.

How much is the life of a Yallee' worth? How much is the life of a Black child who lives in a dilapidated house under the shadow of Yale University worth? Is it worth the non-violent slow death that is unavoidable?

Yale with its political, economic, and police power is an implement of state power which must be smashed by any and all means. So the Black Panther Party calls for a 'Peoples show down action' to free all political prisoners to begin immediately and to continue until all political prisoners are free, beginning with Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins.

DESTROY THE FASCISTS AND ALL THEIR INSTITUTIONS

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE.



ERICKA HUGGINS

REPORT ON THE TRIAL OF CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE AND ERICKA HUGGINS IN NEW HAVEN, CONN.

THE HYPOCRITICAL PRETENSE OF JUSTICE IN NEW HAVEN, CONN. CONTINUES AS A JURY IS BEING SELECTED FOR THE TRIAL OF CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE AND SISTER ERICKA HUGGINS.

THE FIRST AND SECOND PANEL OF ONE HUNDRED PROSEPECTIVE JURORS ONLY PRODUCED TWO MEMBERS, A THIRD PANEL OF FIFTY WAS EXHAUSTIVELY EXAMINED AND WE ARE STILL FAR FROM FINDING THAT "IMPARTIAL" JURY. FOR ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE IN BABYLON THIS IS NO SURPRISE BECAUSE JURORS ARE NEVER MEMBERS OF OUR PEER GROUPS.

OF THE THIRD PANEL SIXTEEN WERE EXCUSED, SUPPOSEDLY BECAUSE OF PERSONAL HARDSHIPS BEFORE THEY EVEN APPEARED FOR EXAMINATION. OF THE REMAINING THIRTYFOUR, SIX WERE EXCUSED BECAUSE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH PIGS, TEN BECAUSE OF THE PREJUDICE OF THE DEFENDANTS FOR THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, EIGHT BECAUSE OF PRE-CONCEIVED OPINIONS OF THE CASE, TWO BECAUSE OF FEAR OF THE PANTHERS, ONE BECAUSE OF A PREVIOUS ARREST BY A PIG INVOLVED IN THE CASE, TWO BECAUSE OF A STAND AGAINST CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND FIVE BECAUSE OF HARDSHIPS.

OUT OF THE FIFTY, ONE WAS BLACK, ONE WAS A "TOWN CONSTABLE," ONE WAS A RETIRED PIG, THREE WERE BLOOD RELATIVES OF NEW HAVEN PIGS, TWO KNEW THE MOST NOTORIOUS PIG IN NEW HAVEN "WELL".

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THIS FARCE WILL CONTINUE FOR SOMETIME. WE CALL UPON THE PEOPLE TO TAKE HEED AND UNDERSTAND THAT REGARDLESS OF WHO IS CHOSEN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JURY, CHAIRMAN BOBBY AND ERICKA WILL NEVER GET A FULL JURY OF THEIR PEER GROUP. IT IS CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT THEY WILL NEVER RECEIVE A FAIR TRIAL.

WE WILL NOT ALLOW CHAIRMAN BOBBY AND SISTER ERICKA TO BE RAILROADED TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

FREE PARKING

PARK ST $200 | NEW HAVEN AIRPORT $220 | COLLEGE ST $220 | PENN CENTRAL RR | TEMPLE ST $240 | YORK ST $260 | JUST VISITING JAIL



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U.I.


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Consultant: Secretary of State 1950–
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STATE ST $170 | ORANGE ST $160 | CHAPEL ST $380 | CHURCH ST $400

Who rules Yale? The Yale Corporation is the University's governing board. It is a small, tightly-knit group of WASP big businessmen, politicians, and lawyers. This chart shows the Corporation members, some of their positions, and some of the interlocking connections among them.

Schools should serve the people–students, workers, community residents. Yale does not serve the people; it exploits and oppresses them in New Haven, in America, in the world. It teaches students anti-labor, anti-black, anti-woman ideas. It subjects workers to low wages, bad conditions, and speed-up. It destroys housing and stores for workers and poor people. It supports imperialism in many ways.

Yale's rulers *cannot* serve the people. They do not represent the people. The Corporation has never had a black, female, young or Catholic member. It has had only one Jewish member. Few members have ever had any real teaching experience. Few members have ever lived in the New Haven area. Most Americans have to work hard just to survive. Yale's rulers, though, live high on the hog with big stockholdings.

The point is not to replace individual members of the Corporation. The point is to get rid of the whole system of rule by the small, wealthy *class* that Yale really represents and serves. The *class* that rules Yale also rules New Haven and America itself. The power of the rich few must be replaced by the power of the people. The people must organize against Yale.

–The American Independent Movement Newsletter

GO TO JAIL


DWIGHT ST $150 | NEW HAVEN RR | DIXWELL AVE $140 | YALE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL | CONGRESS AVE $130 | HOWARD AVE $120



GO COLLECT $200

IT IS TIME FOR US TO RETURN TO OUR TRUE STAND WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS



Sisters and brothers in Babylon:

For 400 years the Black colony in America has been the victim of racist kidnappings, genocide and slavery. We have suffered in relative silence, but we will suffer no longer. The buying, selling, beatings, and bombings are going to stop, now!

Today we are still subjected to the same subhuman treatment, only the methods have moved to overkill lever. Revolution is the only way to bust the pigs shackels. No longer will we remain the peaceful domesticated flunkies of Nixon's racist, fascist military machine. For too long we have attempted to work through the oppressor's system s. It is clear that there is no justice in Babylon other than that of an armed people. We will use any means necessary to win back the dignity and freedom which is the birthright of every human being on earth.

Therefore, I am filing for discharge from the United States Marine Corps on point 6 of the Platform and Program of the Black Panther Party. My continued participation as a member of the pig occupation forces would constitute an act of treason to my race and humanity. It is my intention that my action will serve as an example to the rest of my brothers and sisters who are still being held in military bondage.

The enemy has been exposed. It is now time for us to return to our stand with our true brothers and sisters.

IV. THE PETITIONER, A BLACK MAN, IS DEPRIVED OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER THE FIRST, FIFTH, AND NINTH AMENDMENTS BY BEING REQUIRED TO SERVE IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO FURTHER THE RACIST AND EXPANSIONIST POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT!!!!!!

Point Six of the Black Panther Party Platform and Program requires that all Black men be exempt from the military service. Point Six is cast in the following terms:

"6. We want all Black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like Black people, are being victimized by the White racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary." The Black Panther October 17,1970 page 22.

The United States Armed Forces has a two fold function in the world today. In thier duty to preserve the status quo of the capitalistic government of America they are entrusted with the duty to prevent the American people, particularly Black people, from achieving freedom. In addition, this colossus also has the duty to keep the peoples of Latin America, Africa, and Asia under subjugation while the American ruling classes appropriate the natural and human resources of these areas. Cleaver, Soul on Ice (1968) p. 121-137: Bosch, Pentagonsim (1967) ; Gerassi, The Great Fear in Latin America (1965); Williams, The Tragedy of American Diplomacy (1960).

The Black people have attempted to achieve freedom in America for hundreds of years. But the ruling classes of this country by use of military force have repeatedly destroyed quests for freedom. The uprisings against slavery Gabriel Prosser in 1800, Denmark Vesey in 1822, Nat Turner in 1831 were violently suppressed by force. John Brown's raids to free slaves were likewise suppressed.

During World War II there were attempts by Blacks to overcome the bonds of slavery and White racism Harlem, New York 1943; Detroit 1943; Los Angeles 1943; and Belle Isle 1943.

In the sixties the Black man's quest for freedom took on a new dimension. In 1963, the first of the quests began in Birmingham, Savannah, Cambridge (Maryland), Chicago, and Philadelphia. In 1964 the quests were in Jacksonville, Cleveland, Harlem (new York) Bedford Stuyvesant (New York), Brooklyn (New York), Rochester, Jersey City, Elizabeth, Paterson, Chicago, and Philadelphia. In 1965, they were in Watts, (Los Angeles). In 1966, they were in San Francisco, Chicago and Cleveland. In 1967, they were in Houston, Tampa, Cincinnati, Atlanta, Newark, New Brunswick, Plainfield, Jersey City, Elizabeth, Englewood, and Detroit. Report of the National Advisory Commision on Civial Disorders (1967). In every instance the state National Guard or the United States Armed Forces have suppressed this quest for freedom by Black persons in America.

The United States forces have also been used to suppress people in Asia who have attempted to be free from colonial rules: China 1945; Phillipines 1946; Korea, 1950 South Vietman, 1960-1970; Cambodia, 1970 Laos, 1967-1970; Indonesia, 1966; Lebanon 1958; Iran, 1954 The same has occurred in Latin America; Mexico, 1854; Guatemala, 1954; Cuba 1962; Dominican Republic, 1965.Likewise in Africa there has also been troop deployment: Tripoli, 1803; Congo, 1964 and Morocco 1970. Williams, The Tragedy of American Diplomacy (1960).

Thus, it is clear that the United States Armed forces are being used to suppress the quest for freedom over the entire world. The white dominated United States government in conjunction with the White economic groups are attempting to suppress, Black Yellow, Red and Brown people the world over.

But none the less, a world revolution is occurring against the oppression of the American government . Witness the revolutions in South Vietnam, Cambodia Laos, Korea, Palestine, Chile Uraguay, Bolivia, Mozambique, South Africa, and Angola, just to mention a few.

The Black men in America wish to form a Black army and to join with their Yellow, Brown, Black and Red brothers the world over to fight for freedom. Eldridge Cleaver in his famous statement to the G.I.s in South Vietnam said: "...We're trying to put together a Black army so that we can take our freedom from these pigs (U.S.) who are fully determined to keep it from us. "The Black Panther Black community news service, September 26, 1970 p. 14.

Huey P. Newton, the Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party has offered an indeterminate number of troops to the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam to fight against the racist and imperialistic United States government. Huey states that:

"A small ruling circle of 76 major companies exploits and oppresses Black people and everyone in the world because of the overdeveloped nature of capitalism. To end this oppression we must liberate the developing nations and then our final act will be the strike against America." ......The Black Panther, Aug. 21, 1970 p. 13

Thus from the preceeding, it is clear that the United States Military is engaged in a world wide policy of oppression, racism and exploitation. The victims of this policy are Blacks, Brown, Yellow, and Red skinned persons.

As a result of this policy, the Black man in America in general and the petitioner in particular, are being deprived of their right to achieve freedom and are forced to prevent others from achieving that freedom in violation of the First, Fifth, and Ninth Amendments to the Constitution. The Petitioner must be released from the military to enable him to fight against this colossus and to help others to achieve their freedom.

Filed in behalf of Robert Evans,III in the U.S. District Court for the No. District of California

Dated: November 5, 1970

PIGS BURN WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. NCCF OFFICE IN AN ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE THE R.P.C.C.

In a further attempt to prevent the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention from taking place, the fascist pigs moved against the NCCF and the people of Winston Salem, North Carolina.

On November 27, approximately 60 members of the NCCF and the community left Winston Salem at noon on their way to Washington, D.C. They were traveling in a hired truck and three cars. Soon afterthey started on their journey the truck developed mechanical problems. At Henderson, North Carolina at 4 p.m. they were forced to pull off the road and as they did this the front tire of the truck fell off. On investigation, knife marks were found on the tire and the people of the community confirmed that unknown persons were seen around the truck prior to the commencement of the journey.

At 5 p.m. they telephoned Winston-Salem and were then informed that the NCCF headquarters had been burnt down. A member of the NCCF reported that he was in the front office when he smelt smoke. He went to the back and saw a blaze which he tried to put out but was unsuccessful. Eyewitness reports state that something had been thrown into the office.

The Fire Department arrived and instead of trying to stop the fire, confiscated files and other supplies. They would have taken everything if they had not been prevented by the people of the community who had converged on the office.

On receiving this information, the people who were stranded in Henderson left the truck and contacted E. Whitmore Inc. to have it repaired. The truck was towed away but left on the road by E. Whitmore. Inc. who stated that it could not be repaired. The FBI, state and local pigs converged on the truck, first informing the occupants that the NCCF in Winston Salem had been destroyed and then proceeded in their usual brutal manner to conduct a search for weapons.

The people then contacted Hertz in Greensboro to see if this company would repair the truck. Hertz informed them that they had been contacted by the FBI who told them they were not to repair the truck. The people themselves repaired the truck and were able to leave at 4 a.m. on their way to the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention.

It is obvious that this was a planned attempt by the fascist pigs to prevent the people of Winston Salem from participating in the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention.

We call upon the oppressed peoples of our Communities under siege here in Babylon to liberate our community in Washington D.C. in order that the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention might take place. We call for mobilization for survival until we are able to join the other peoples of the world who have liberated their communities and go forward to implement inter-communalism.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

November 28, 1970



ANGELA SPEAKS

Nov. 10, 1970
Women's House of Detention
New York City

The bourgeois press seized upon my recent capture by the federal pigs as an occasion to inject more confusion into the minds of the Amerikan public. Focusing the bulk of its articles on my personality and background, the press has clearly attempted to camouflage the political issues involved in my case. Regardless of what degrees I might have, regardless of my external appearance and psychological make-up, the reality of my present situation is this: The reactionary pig forces of this country have chosen to persecute me because I am a black communist revolutionary participating together with millions of oppressed people throughout the world in a revolutionary movement designed to overthrow all the conditions that stand in the way of our freedom.

While newspapers and magazines wasted pages upon pages attempting to resurrect my past, they should instead have made the public cognizant of the hundreds upon hundreds of American revolutionaries who have been confronted with a fate no different than mine. Government agencies incessantly employ the most devious and barbarous means to rid the country of all those who are challenging racism, exposing capitalist exploitation, and working, organizing, fighting for freedom. Scores of members of the Black Panther Party have been mutilated and murdered. Hundreds from among their ranks have been shoved into the nation's prisons, and still others have been forced into exile. And the Soledad Brothers continue to battle with the representatives of a repressive prison apparatus programmed to offer death by gas to anyone who dares speak out against racism and propagate the idea of freedom among the captives.

Ronald Reagan and the State of California, having first demanded my job because I am a member of the Communist Party, are now demanding my life. Why? Not because I am the dangerous criminal they portray, not because I am guilty of the framed-up charges for which there is no evidence whatsoever, but rather because, in their warped vision, a revolutionary is a priori a criminal. To have voluntarily turned myself over to Reagan and his accomplices when the warrant was issued would have been equivalent to voluntarily placing my head on the executioner's block.

The death of Jonathan Jackson at San Rafael was not only a deep and crushing blow to me, his family and friends, but a profound loss to the world-wide revolutionary movement. No black man or woman should fail to understand the unbearable pressures which led Jonathan to his death, struck down in the midst of battle. His courage and self-sacrifice leave us with a legacy which no force can eradicate.

My flight was unsuccessful. I have been captured. To me, this means that I must strenghten my ability to fight this monstrous system. One more is being held captive, but most important, the revolution continues to gain in vigor and force. Our enemies find themselves confronted with a growing awareness among the people that the concentrated effort to maim and murder revolutionaries is just another form of the daily genocide of police brutality and impoverished living conditions in the ghettos and barrios. The masses of people will fulfill their obligation to protect and defend all the men and women who have devoted their lives to the struggle for justice, equality and freedom. Let there be no doubt about it--victory will soon be ours.

Long live the momory of Jonathan Jackson!

Free Ericka, Bobby, the New York Panthers, the Soledad Brothers, and all political prisoners.

All power to the people.
Angela Y. Davis



SOLEDAD PRISON CHARGES 7 BROTHERS WITH MURDER IN DEATH OF FASCIST GUARD

One of the main goals of this fascist, racist, and capitalistic power structure is to annihilate, by any means necessary, Black people in particular, and all oppressed people. The laws, the court system the racist pigs, all work hand-in hand to insure that our people have no power to determine our own destiny.



THE SOLEDAD 7

Seven brothers who are presently incarcerated at Soledad State Prison, have been flagrantly denied their basic constitutional rights in the prison pigs' attempt to thwart the upsurge of revolutionary activity within the prison walls. On July 23rd, a racist prison guard was stabbed 40 times by some inmates of Soledad. About a week after this incident occurred, about 15 brothers, all from the Los Angeles and Compton area, were held in the hole on "lost privileges" for approximately two months. During this period they were denied basic necessities such as warm food, clothing, baths, visiting rights, etc. Finally, after observation and intimidation, the pig prison officials charged Black inmates with the murder of the prison guard.

In order to ensure that these brothers have a "fast and speedy" trial, and get convicted and quietly sentenced to the electric chair, the racist judge Gordon Campbell (the same judge who sat on the Soledad 3 hearing) committed several "unlawful" acts against them. When the brothers appeared in court for arraignment in a Salinas County courthouse, racist Campbell dismissed the counsel of their choice, Patrick Hallinan, on the grounds that one attorney couldn't handle all of the cases. He also commented that he didn't know what Hallinan's "moral ethics" were. He then appointed 6 public defenders to the case, and they (the public defenders) told the judge that they didn't want to handle the case because they were not the counsel of the brothers' choice. Campbell told them, in no uncertain terms, that they would be handling the case. Then when he ordered the brothers to enter their pleas, they refused to do so, on the advice of the public defenders. Campbell therefore entered their pleas for them.

At their last court appearance, several carloads of people came to the Salinas County courthouse to witness the "sham of justice" in action. The people became so obviously uptight after witnessing the brothers being brought into the courtroom in shackles and chains and their constitutional rights being constantly violated, that the pigs in the courtroom ordered them to leave.

Judge Campbell scheduled the date of trial for December 7, which is less than 4 months since the brothers were formerly charged with murder.

Such overt, fascist acts as these clearly indicate that Black people especially have no rights under this decadent constitution, guaranteed or otherwise. The struggle has reached the level wherein the racist judges and pigs don't even try to camouflage the fact that we don't have any rights as a people. We must move as a people to take our destiny into our own hands. We must move as a people in order to insure our national salvation. We must destroy these old laws, prisons, courtroom, and all remnants of this decrepit society, and create a new society which will function for the benefit of all oppressed people.

FREE THE SOLEDAD SEVEN!
DEATH TO THE FASCIST PIGS!

Southern Calif. Chapter
Black Panther Party

FRANK MENEWEATHER IS ONE OF THOUSANDS OF BROTHERS WHO HAS BEEN TRIED BY RACISTS MASQUERADING AS JUDGE AND JURY



Frank Meneweather
Political Prisoner
Soledad Prison

Frank Meneweather is one of the thousands of brothers across the country who have been given a trial by a racist masquerading as a 'judge' and a jury of middle-aged middle-class whites who have no knowledge, let alone an understanding of the average reasoning Black man. Seven years ago he was sent to prison for hitting a man with his fist. He is not a boxer so, his hands are not 'lethal weapons'. Ordinarily a man would receive a 90 day sentence, or a fine at the most for this offense.

Frank was quickly railroaded to one of California's POW camps to serve a sentence of 6 months to ten years--indeterminate. He's still there because he has recognized the racism and the genocidal (murderous) nature of these prisons and has refused to compromise his manhood.

Early this year, Frank saw racist guard, O.G. Miller, murder three brothers on the 'yard' of Soledad and he narrowly escaped death himself. (Frank was shot in the hand and another bullet grazed his side.) As a witness he presents a threat to the lies that prison administrators want to put out regarding this incident.

This incident led to the murder of a guard which led to the Soledad brothers case.

As a further indication of the inhumanity of Soledad, Frank's mother Mrs. Leola Meneweather, was not informed of his condition. She was worried about her son and borrowed the necessary funds for the trip to Soledad three times. Each time her visit was denied and she was never informed of his injuries. Mrs. Meneweather lives in Richmond, she is not in the best of health and it is a problem to make the long trip.

Naturally, Frank is on the Soledad Administration's list of people to be eliminated. In addition to having witnessed the murder of the three inmates in January, Frank has also challenged the genocidal practice and inhuman treatment of the Soledad prison in a law suit which he prepared.

One of their (the pig's) most recent attempts to kill Frank backfired and also showed that political awareness and racial solidarity has increased greatly in the prisons. Guards at Soledad offered two white inmates parole if they'd kill Frank. The brothers realizing their common enemy refused. The pigs were shown that their old racial divide-and-conquer technique would no longer be effective. They even moved the two white inmates next door to Frank's cell The two white brothers were hip enough to expose the pigs to the people to insure their own safety as well as Frank's.

The brothers and sisters in minimum (outside) must join with and maintain communications with our brothers and sisters in the maximum security prisons. Because together, we can bring this insanity, this madness to an end. Recognizing this need, the Black Panther Party has instituted free bussing program to the prisons so that the friends and families of these brothers may see them more often. The Richmond Branch plans to institute the program early next year. Anyone (in the Bay area) interested in such a program can call 233-0533, or, stop by the office at 425 Chesley Street, Richmond California. Donations will be appreciated.

All Power to the People
Free all Political Prisoners
Black Panther Party
Richmond, California

Statement By The Black Panther Party On The Feeble Attempt Of The Pigs Of The Power Structure To Crush The Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention

The function of Howard University as an educational institution from the beginning was such that it had no other alternative but to be a tool of this racist and fascist American Government.

Why isn't Howard University responsive to the needs of Black people? This is a question that has been asked countless times. The answer to that question is rooted in the fact that Howard University was born out of the rapist slavemaster's desire to implant in the minds of their Mulatto children the 'ideological poison' which is commonly peddled off as 'education'. But even more important than the afore-mentioned reason, Howard University was designed to and in fact does serve as a factory, wherein 'Black human bei..gs' are processed and transformed into perverted robots who would willingly and with pride, dedicate their entire lives towards working to help the capitalist racist slavemasters to perpetuate their domination. Historically this has always been done to Black people in 'Amerikka' by attempting to convince Black people that the 'sacred and inalienable rights of freedom, justice, and equality could only be attained by following the guidelines laid down by the slavesmaster.' Moreover the slavemaster sought to use their Howard Universtiy products as models of emulation for other Blacks.

Howard University's refusal to house the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention is consistent with their lack of positive involvement in the Black community of Washington, D.C. They have sat high up in their 'Ivory tower' and looked down upon oppressed and exploited Black people with arrogance and contempt. Because Howard University has denied the people the right to peacefully assemble, does not mean that it should be viewed as a center of power. One can be sure that the denial came about with the sanction and duress of this fascist and racist government. Howard Universtiy has demonstrated its total servitude and obedience to Richard Nixon and the rest of the ruling class clique.

The initial stages of negotiations between Howard University officials and the Black Panther Party for the use of their facilities to have the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention began with meetings to determine what accomodations would be needed to house these activities. That the officials of Howard University never intended to allow the people the use of the campus for the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention can be seen in the fact that at no time did President Cheek talk with representatives of the Black Panther Party. Instead all matters were discussed with Dr. Anderson, Vice President of Student Affairs and J.B. Clark, Treasurer.

A fee of $10,824.06 was demanded by the University officials for use of three campus buildings for a three day period. We were told at that time that only a portion of that sum would have to be paid in advance. However, three days later, Howard University officials demanded that the entire amount be paid in advance.

On Wednesday November 25, 1970 a cashiers check for $1,000.00 and a notarized letter explaining that the balance due would be forthcoming was delivered to Dr. Cheek's office by special messenger.

An official response was never given directly to any representative of the Black Panther Party, but rather by informing members of the 'mass media'.

The fascist ruling class clique of the 'Amerikkkan empire' is fully aware of the threat that the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention poses to their criminal rule. In view of that, they have acting through their 'negro' flunky administrators at Howard University, denied the people the use of that facility as the Convention site.

Contrary to the plans of the fascist ruling class clique and their 'running dogs' the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention will not be stopped.

We call for a general mobilization of the masses for survival. We will hold our Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention on liberated territory in Washington, D.C. We call upon the people of the community to liberate Howard University and to make that institution serve the needs of the community. We call upon all oppressed people and all progressive forces here in 'Amerikkka' to criticize and make their criticism heard by radio, television, and newspapers. We call upon the communities of the world to unite with us as one and assist us in liberating Washington, D.C. The demands and desires of the people will be heard.

The mobilization will last as long as is necessary for us to have our Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention in a 'liberated community.' Following the example laid down by the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the Peoples Republic of Algeria who have all liberated their communities.

Mobilization for survival will set the stage for 'Intercommunalism.'

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

FASCISTS LAUNCH SECOND ATTACK ON NEW ORLEANS, N.C.C.F.

Wednesday and Thursday, November 25th & 26th marked the second fascist attack upon the people of the New Orleans National Committee to Combat Fascism. The first attack occured September 15th when the New Orleans gestapo under the direction of their chief, Clarence Gearusso opened fire on the N.C.C.F. Community Center with auto-matic weapons and captured fourteen N.C.C.F. members and community people. After this first attack, the N.C.C.F. moved into an apartment in the Desire Housing Project at the request of the people.

Thursday, November 19th, more than 200 pigs with an armored tank and automatic weapons surrounded the N.C.C.F. house in the projects to allegedly serve warrants for criminal trespassing. When the pigs arrived late in the morning, the people had already been awaiting them for two hours. The people stood for several hours between the N.C.C.F. and the pigs. Late that evening, after getting a court injunction to 'save face' the pigs retreated.

One week later (Wed., Nov. 25th) twenty-five N.C.C.F. and community members were arrested in route to the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention in Washington, D.C. All of these people were charged with criminal trespassing and inciting to riot.



An unsucessful attempt by the fascist gestapo pigs of New Orleans to evict the members of the New Orleans N.C.C.F.

The next morning (Thanksgiving day) at approximately 2:00am the N.C.C.F. house in the Desire Projects was attacked by the New Orleans police. In order to infiltrate the project without being noticed by the people, six Black pigs dressed as ministers and mailmen came in mail trucks. They kicked down the door of the house and opened fire. A total of six people were arrested in the raid and charged with attempted murder, criminal trespassing and criminal anarchy. One of the six, Betty Powell, was seriously wounded in the chest when the pigs opened fire and she is now held under $75,000 bail.

Harold Holmes, a Panther, that was arrested with the 25 people on Wednesday night is also being held under $75,000 for criminal anarchy. The criminal trespassing charge for the other 24 people was dropped and their ransom was reduced to $500 each.

The 11,000 Black occupants of the Desire Housing Project have been victimized by pig chief Clarence Giarrusso's fascist regime. These 11,000 people invited the N.C.C.F. into the projects and they defended it against hundreds of pigs. The pigs duped the people with Black lackeys and arrested the N.C.C.F. members. The pigs made a total of 31 arrests but at the same time they made 11,000 enemies who will not hesitate to either kill or die for their freedom.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
DEATH TO THE FASCIST PIGS

REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS



REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS

This convention of revolutionary peoples from oppressed communities throughout the world is convened in recognition of the fact that the changing social conditions throughout the world require new analysis and approaches in order that our consciousness might be raised to the point where we can effectively end the oppression of people by people. We gather here from our communities because we realize that we have a common enemy, a common goal, and that the geographical barriers which separated us from one another in the past are no longer obstacles to our revolutionary unity.

Not only do we recognize our commonalities, we further recognize that the concepts and ideas which were previously used to define us as peoples can no longer apply for they dim our view and impede our progress. The same phenomena which have freed us from the separation of geographical barriers are also the same phenomena which have transformed us into a revolutionary unity.

We once defined ourselves as nations because we had distinct geographical boundaries, we controlled the economy, the political structure and the institutions in our territories. In this sense the United States was also a nation at one time.

We see, however, that the growth of bureaucratic capitalism in the United States transformed the nation. When capitalism in the nation reached a high level of development it reached beyond the national boundaries to exploit the wealth and labor of other territories. We further notice that this exploitation of the wealth of other nations was combined with control of their political structure and their cultural institutions. This was done through the use of the high levels of technology developed by bureaucratic capitalism. This technology made it possible for the strong arm of the capitalist to reach into every corner of the world and use its police force commonly called the military to carry out its desires. This technology has made it possible for the capitalist to control the air waves and communications media of other territories and thereby manipulate their cultural institutions.

We recognize, then, that the greed of bureaucratic capitalism in America, the effectiveness of the police force of the ruling circle and the swiftness with which their "Message" can be sent to these territories has transformed the previous situation. We recognize this when we admit that the United States is no longer a nation but an empire. However, an empire by definition controls other territories and in so doing transforms the former nations. If a nation cannot protect its boundaries and prevent the entry of an aggressor, if a nation cannot control its political structure and its cultural institutions then it is no longer a nation, it must be something else. Thus our presence here is a recognition that the United States has transformed other nations into something else.

Our new understandings lead us to the recognition that we must ally ourselves with the oppressed communities of the world. Therefore we cannot make our stand as nationalists, we cannot even make our stand as internationalists, we must place our future hopes upon the philosophy of intercommunalism, a philosophy which holds that the rise of imperialism in American transformed all other nations into oppressed communities. In revolutionary love we must make common cause with these oppressed communities.

We must do this because we realize that we are also from oppressed communities here. We are aware that many of us present are the descendants of those who were dispossessed from their lands to permit capitalism to flourish. We are aware that many of us here are the descendants of those who were captured and enslaved so that their labor could build the wealth of this nation. But we are also aware that the capitalists used the philosophy of racism to support their wicked oppression. Through the philosophy of racism all those in this country have been taught that people are better than others because of differences in physical and social characteristics, and therefore they have a right to exploit the other.

This Constitutional Convention of Revolutionary Peoples is gathered here to organize our forces to move against the evils of capitalism, imperialism and racism which have been used to oppress people. We will move against the evil and corrupt gentry by any means necessary and sufficient to take away the power which he has wielded too selfishly for toolong.

We who are gathered here by our presence do resolve to liberate our communities from the boot and whip of the oppressor so that the people of good will may live their lives free from want, free from fear, and free from need. We recognize that the Chinese people under the leadership of Mao Tse Tung, the Korean people under the leadership of Kim Il Sung, and the Algerian people rose up against the oppressor and liberated the people's territory from his hands. Consequently, other oppressed people such as Brother Eldridge Cleaver have a liberated community where they can live in peace and harmony. These courageous revolutionaries have set an example for us to also liberate our communities and give freedom to those who have sought so long to bask in its glow.

There can be no real freedom until the imperialist —World enemy number one— has been stripped of his power and put in his rightful place as one of the people rather than the ruler of the people. Then and only then will unity and harmony truly prevail. So we resolve to liberate our communities in order that we might serve the true interests of the community.

We who are gathered here by our presence do indicate that we believe that every community has the right to define, determine and control its institutions so that they reflect the integrity of the community.

Therefore we declare that all communities of the world have the freedom to determine their own destinies. We declare that all communities, by their very existence, have the power to specify what institutions will be set up within them and what cultural values will be propogated through them. We declare that all communities have the right to determine what laws will govern their territories and what officials will be placed in leadership to carry out the true interests of the people and meet their needs.

We who are gathered here do declare by our presence that the physical and social characteristics of the people of our communities shall never be used as a basis for exclusion from any aspect of the life of our communities.

All people from all communities have the right to write their own constitutions for self-governance and to live according to their needs and desires.

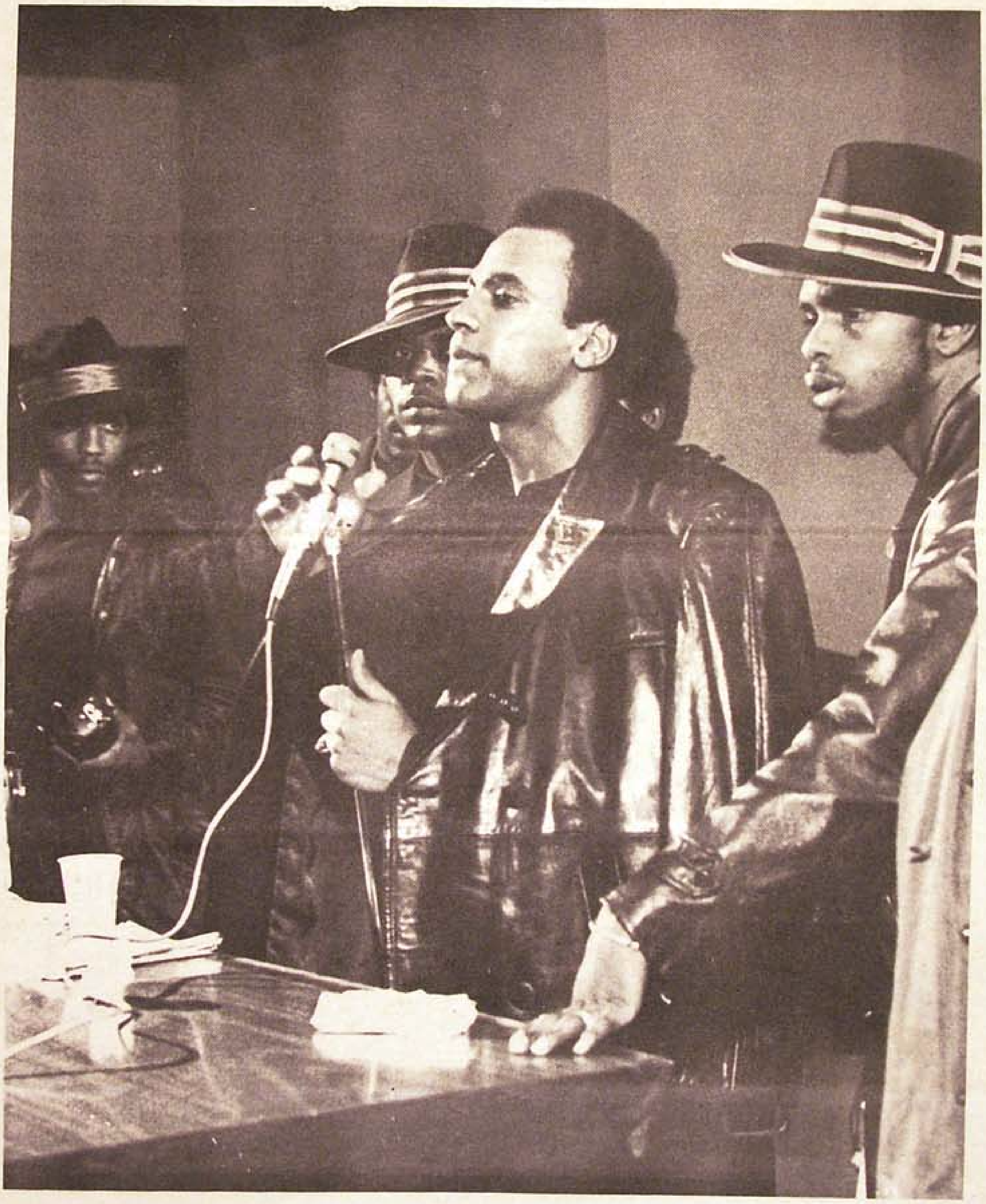
We declare that our goal is to destroy all elements of the oppression which has gone on for so many years. We pledge ourselves to end imperialism and distribute the wealth of the world to all the people of the world. We foresee a system of true communism where all people produce according to their abilities and all receive according to their needs.

Recognizing the possibility of a cultural lag between the destruction of the oppression and the erection of a new world based on that which makes us human, we call for all people in the communities throughout the world to be represented in decision making and participation in direct proportion to their presence in the population under consideration. Whether on an intercommunal level, a regional level, or on a local level, we hold that all people have the right to proportional representation within the framework of revolutionary intercommunalism and communism.

We are here gathered for the solem purpose of formulating a new constitution for a new world. We must become even more conscious of who we are and why we are in these circumstances, then we must break these circumstances and construct a new world which makes use of all the technology and knowledge we have accumulated to this time. When we have arrived at that which is in the true interests of the people and established it in full, then the word work will only refer to meaningful play. We will have eliminated the cause of all our problems and then we can live according to a constitution of Revolutionary People.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S
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MERRITT PLANTATION OR PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY?

We, members of the Merritt College Community came here tonight on behalf of large numbers of students and non-students alike who share a common interest in the 17-year old campus on Grove Street. Our community college is scheduled to close in 52 days. We have come before the Peralta Junior College Board of Trustees often in attempts to demonstrate **the need for our campus in our community**

In 1965 a $47 million bond issue was passed by the district, supported largely because of the stipulation that four colleges would be constructed, including one in the North Oakland-Berkeley-Albany area (1). (Berkeley provided by far the most enthusiastic response to the levy.) (2) Five years later we are faced with the realization that since priority was given to the planning and construction of the Alameda, Laney and Hill campus, and since building costs overran, there is no flatlands campus. Of course the Board of Trustees has promised us a continued commitment to its future possibility.

Today we find that the East Oakland Hill campus, which is to replace Merritt, was built for 3,000 full-time and 2,000 part-time students (3). This was stated by Supt. Dunn at the Board meeting February 11, 1969 and reported in the Oakland Tribune the following day. The two architectural firms who designed the structure corroborate on these figures (4). Now Mr. Harvey of Merritt's attendance office has informed us that we presently acoommodate 6,600 full-time and 3,400 part-time students. This means roughly 5,000 students will be unable to go to the Hill campus in the first place. they won't be able to go to Laney or Alameda either. Mr. Thayer Johnson, the coordinator of admissions and records at Laney College, is extremely worried in view of the fact that Laney is already overcrowded with a total of 11,000 and the additional space to be afforded by the new buildings is not nearly sufficient to absorb any number of ex-Merritt students. Alameda College was built for a 2,500 total and already exceeds that by 500.

We understand that the Peralta Board made extensive plans for the Hill campus, Laney and Alameda before any initiative was even taken on replacing Merritt in its own community (5). We understand that projections of inflationary building costs were grossly inaccurate, plus inexcusable error in the gap between design and enrollment estimates. (Not to mention estimated completion dates.) We understand that Supt. Dunn felt that we students deserved much more than the 7.2 acres afforded by the Marchant Plant in 1964 (7). It is unfortunate that the Berkeley City Council was not pressured to act upon the land use question of the waterfront site until three years after the Marchant Plant was discounted as a site (8). It is too bad that while Alameda's soil development chewed into our portion of the budget to the tune of $120, 000, the waterfront site was deemed inconvenient because of soil development costs (9). There is a conspicuous lack of exact number figures in the Board's official publication, the Peralta College Bulletin, concerning the problems of the 4th campus site. Too bad that since so much of our tax money was spent on the other three sites, that the price for the Berkeley waterfront was too high (10). And that litigation against the Santa Fe Land Improvement Co. and George Murphy was delayed one year and then the suit was dropped (11). Where is our $7,300,000 allotment of the $47 million we raised? (12)

We are not so foolish that we can ignore the polical realities of the situation. In 1965 no more than 10% of Merritt students were Black. Today the overwhelming majority are of the Third World. (13) The Merritt College Community is a Black, disadvantaged region that prides itself on providing its children and working adults with easy access to a wide number of programs. Show Map. The great majority of Merritt students live right here in the community (14). It is utterly ridiculous to believe that Merritt on the Hill was intended to serve this community. Supt. Dunn told the Board way back in May of '65 before the bond issue, that the 125-acre property of the Hill site is well situated to serve the East Oakland and Hill areas (15). That sort of leaves us out doesn't it? We are not blind to the fact that the rich White inhabitants of the Skyline hills will not take kindly to the invasion of any number of Third World people -- why do they live up there in the first place? We don't have to be reminded of the prospect of police harassment every single day. In fact, this has already happened to Merritt students going up to look at "their" new campus. The cost and especially the time of transportation will surely eliminate all those students who must depend on part-time employment to exist while going to and from the Hill. The not-so-accidental result of all of these factors is the exclusion of Third World students either from subtle interferences or out-and-out restrictions.

We can see that the Peralta District Board of Trustees has had a vital stake in keeping those it is responsible to as uninformed as possible in regard to their own schools, their own tax money. It has enjoyed a distinct advantage over the students who come and go every two years, while it can retain continuity of purpose. We can see that the Board can make empty promises devoid of intensive action every year, knowing that it will appease the community for one more year. Numerous concessions are obviously intended to keep this community at bay: 15 classrooms at the Bushrod Annex (16). Besides, who is going to get a full program at Bushrod?: Intact transport of the Afro Studies Dept. to the Hill campus: Brand new office space for the Black Student Union and the Associated Students of Merritt College (17).

At this point the Merritt College Community is extremely suspicious of anything the Peralta Junior College Dist. Board of Trustees might have to say or promise. We are being deprived of a college in our community much more by design than by accident.

We want, we need, and we deserve a full campus in the flatlands designed to meet our needs, and until a new structure is built, Merritt College on Grove is our campus.

Here are the possibilities:

1. The Grove St. lease agreement with the Oakland Public Schools for the 8.9 acres doesn't expire until March 31, of 1971 (18).

2. The Oakland Public Schools do not have an immediate need for use of the land and would be willing to sell the land to Peralta or possibly extend the lease agreement. This would entail immediate negotiation (19).

#. The earthquake standards which a portion of our buildings do not meet do not have to be met until 1975. Besides, Merritt hasn't met the standards since the Fields Act of 1934 was passed and nobody hollered then. It should be pointed out that 25 of 90 Oakland schools violate earthquake requirements too. (20)

We know well the reply the Board undoubtedly will make concerning the extended full use of Merritt on Grove. Money. Well listen-- you had the money in 1965 and still didn't do anything. And if you think the taxpayers are going to put up more money in another bond issue to gamble on your promises you are sadly mistaken. You were and are responsible to us to manage-- not mismanage this district. If you can come up with the operating funds for Laney, Alameda and the Hill campus, which incidentally is a less efficient use of funds than is being used at Merritt now, you can certainly find ways to operate Merritt on Grove, a campus that will serve larger numbers of people. If you are concerned that we may have to attend class in ugly old buildings, then build us a serviceable new campus in our community now!

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Statement Delivered to Peralta District Board of Trustees
Oct. 20, 1970

People's Committee for Defense of Merritt

ON REGGIE SCHELL AND THE B.U.L.F.

The Black Panther Party would like to make it clear to the people of Philadelphia and the rest of the country that Reggie Schell is no longer a member of the Black Panther Party. Reggie, who was the Defense Captian of the Philadelphia branch of the Party, voluntarily devorced himself from the Party when he was removed from his position as a disciplinary measure. Since that time Reggie Schell and other ex-members of the Party have formed a group which is called the Black United Liberation Front. Two other ex-members who may be familiar to the community are also involved. They are, James Westcook and "Tick" whose full name is Norman Lowery. They have reoccupied an old dilapidated building at 1928 Columbia Ave.


Reggie Shell

which formerly housed the Philadelphia branch of the Black Panther Party.

Reggie Schell and his group have been soliciting funds in the name of the Party from people who may not know that they are no longer members of the Black Panther Party. The Party has received complaints from people in the Philadelphia community that Reggie and his group have borrowed materials and equipment which have never been returned.

This is to inform the community that neither funds nor equipment given to Reggie Schell for any Black Panther Party programs has been received by the Party. Reggie Schell and his clique have proven themselves to be enemies of the people and political pimps who capitalize on their good faith.

We, the Black Panther Party, request that the people of the Philadelphia community contact our office when they are asked for donations in our name. Our telephone number in Philadelphia is: EV7-2867.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Central Headquarters
Black Panther Party

PENNSYLVANIA DEPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS EMPLOYS NEW TACTIC ON LIBERATION SCHOOL

"We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society."

Mr. Eugene Shoemaker, Chief-Div. of private academic schools, from the Department of Public Instructions has notified the Black Panther Party in Philadelphia that their Liberation School is under surveillance for reasons known only to him. He states in his letter that only certified schools can operate in the commonwealth. This is the beginning of a new attack on the Black Panther Party.

The state says that without their legal sanction the Panthers cannot teach children in the Black colony the history of this country as it relates to Black people in particular and poor people in general. They cannot show Black children that the society in which they live is a racist society that has no love for them except as cannon fodder and a cheap labor base for the top dog capitalists. Of course, Mr. Shoemaker realizes that if the Panthers aren't allowed to show these contradictions to Black children then America can continue with its usual business of racism, big profits for the profiteer, more misery for the miserable, exploitation in Vietnam and a long train of world wide abuses.

If the educational system in Babylon taught all these things there would be no need for a Liberation School. There would be no need to warn Black children of the dangers they face growing up in a racist society if racism did not exist. So the people and the Panthers say we need this school, our children need this school. Our conditions define whether or not our liberation school is legal.

When white racists throughout Babylon can set up private schools to teach their children to maintain the oppressive conditions throughout the world, then it is our duty to teach our youth the correct method of undermining and destroying these conditions in order to build a truly peaceful world.

We expect racists like Mr. Shoemaker to come out against our Liberation Schools and by so doing he only reminds us that we must continue to educate our youth.

YOUTH MAKE THE REVOLUTION

Philadelphia Chapter
Black Panther Party

ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE


Larry Manning

Throughout the history of the Black Panther Party there have always been people who have pretended to be Panthers. Some of the people who feign membership in the Party, are pigs whose mission is to destroy the Party's ideology and practice to many unaware people and to provoke incidents in the community that would cause actual Party members to be killed, jailed or harassed.

Others who alledge membership are just plain fools. They obviously don't understand the gravity of being a member of the Black Panther Party. Only a fool would go around fascist Babylon claiming to be a Panther, evidently unaware of the consequences (imprisonment or death) for being a Panther.

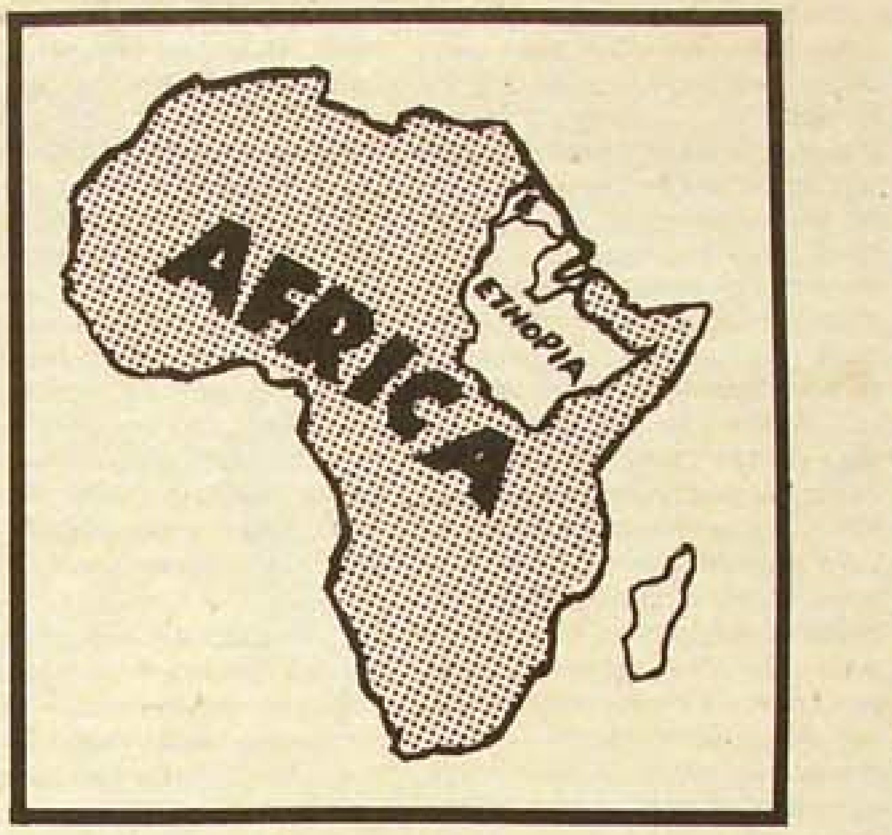
Larry Manning a pig or a fool (?) claims membership in the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party. Claiming to be the Panther Chief of Staff, Manning has appeared in Michigan and other Mid-West states and distorted and confused the Party principles. Larry Manning may just be an opportunistic fool but he is doing the work of a pig. Larry Manning is not and never has been a member of the Black Panther Party. He has proven himself to be an enemy of the people and should be dealt with as such.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE



REPRESSION IN ETHIOPIA

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Ethiopia is often portrayed as a country with a glorious tradition of a rich and enduring civilization. Except for the brief Italian occupation, it is known as a nation which has maintained its independence for over three thousand years. There is much we are proud of in this heritage. But beneath the picturesque medievalism of kings and queens lies the overwhelming reality of the misery of our people who have borne the burden of this pageantry. The Ethiopian masses who made heroic sacrifices to safeguard the nation's independence have become subject to a most oppressive internal domination. It is this dismal story of the hardships suffered by the vast majority of Ethiopians that needs to be told.

Politically, Ethiopia remains a despotism. Power is exclusively held by the feudal nobility, presently headed by Haile Selassie. No political parties are allowed. The only similarity the parliamnet bears to a democratic institution is its name. Members of the upper house are personally appointed by the emperor who is free to overrule any decisions of the lower house. The emperor's decisions and legislation on all matters are binding and are not subject to review by the parliament.

The parliamentary bodies, also called 'deliberative chambers' in the constitution, cannot legislate without the emperor's consent. Even their power to initiate legislation are limited. (U.S. Army Handbook for Ethiopia, 1964). The prime minister and cabinet members are imperial appointees. Discussing the uncontested power of the emperor, the government's official guide to Ethiopia proclaims:

...in practice, despite the structure of democratic government, most policy questions of any importance are referred to the emperor.

But the constitution which provided for the establishment of parliament is not without a point. The purpose of the constitution is to consolidate the emperor's power over all other feudal institutions, such as the nobility and the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The U.S. Army Hnadbook states:

Both as regent and as emperor, Haile Selassie has tried to increase the power of the throne by designing a broader, more constitutional framework within which traditional concepts of government might be adapted and the nobility and the Church brought more closely under the throne's leadership.

In light of this objective, it is not surprising that more than a quarter of the articles of the 1955 Revised Constitution are devoted to the institution of the emperor which, according to the Constitution, is divinely ordained and indisputable.

The autocratic regime bears full responsibility for the devastated economic and social life of the nation. Ethiopia is an underdeveloped country standing lowest among the poorest countries. The per capita income is estimated to be between $35 and $50, a rate unparalled by most African states. When allowences have been made in this figure for the incomes of the feudal nobility, the peasant's income is barely at the subsistence level. Periodic famines are rampant throughout the countryside, annually at least one major province suffers severe starvation. The primitive state of the economy can be seen in the fact that 90% of Ethiopia's population is engaged in agriculture which contributes approximately 62% of the gross domestic product. Modern industry, including electricity and construction, constitutes only 5% of the total output. Modern manufacturing industries make up only 2% of the total economy. The contribution of mining is so small as to be negligible. Ethiopia is a perfect example of a one-commodity export economy. Coffee accounts for between 1/2 and 2/3 of the nation's total value of exports. The country has been suffering from a rapidly growing trade deficit which has reached such proportions in 1969 that it threatens collapse of the national economy.

The situation in health is alarming. The infant mortality rate is among the highest in the world.

Between 50% and 60% of the newborn children die in the first two and a half years after birth. (U.S. Army Handbook)

Approximately half of the nation's adult population suffers from syphillis. In some urban centers syphillis has reached epidemic proportions. Leprosy is endemic throughout Ethiopia. In the province of Gojjam alone there are an estimated 110,000 to 125,000 lepers (Army Handbook). Of the 250,000,000 Ethiopians, approximately 10 million live in malaria infested areas. Death from malaria alone is estimated at 20,000 people yearly. "In 1958, for example, 400,000 persons are believed to have died in a malaria epidemic in Tigre." (Army Handbook). Typhus is rampant; amoebic and bacillary dysenteries are widespread. Small pox has long been endemic and few steps have been taken toward its prevention. To meet the requirements of the needlessly fast dying population, there is but one hospital bed for every 3500 people, and the majority of these are concentrated in Addis Ababa, catering to the ruling class. Less than 300 doctors provide services for the country's 25 million people. The first five-year plan allocated 2.3% of the total budget to public health. The government's concern for the people's health can be seen in its military expenditure which, in contrast to health expenses, amounted to 30-35% of the total under the same plan.

Three decades have passed since Haile Selassie announced that "a free public education is the right of every child." A UNESCO study shows that between 95% and 98% of the Ethiopian population is illiterate; a figure once again unequaled by any country. Of the estimated 6,093,000 school age children, only 186,200 or 3% are in school. Of potential students over 15 years of age, 0.3% attend school. The very few who manage to attend school in the cities occupy classrooms with an average of 58 other students; in the countryside, the class size is between 79 and 94.

Such misery abounds in a country whose economic potential is considered great. Of Ethiopia's 450,000 square miles, much is plateau land which possesses one of the most fertile agricultural soils and grazing lands in the world. The country's broad range of climates and altitudes allows for the cultivation of a wide variety of agricultural products. According to the Ethiopian Planning Board only 15% of potentially arable land (not including vast areas which could be utilized through irrigation) is at present cultivated. Even under these conditions, Ethiopia is one of the major producers of millet in Africa. It is the second largest wheat producing area in Africa south of the Sahara, and the most important barley producing area in the continent. Its coffee production exceeds that of most coffee growing nations. An American economist has estimated that, if properly cultivated, Ethiopia can produce enough food for the whole of Western Europe. According to a U.N. study, Ethiopia is second only to the Congo in hydro-electric potential among African countries. Although minerals and oil resources have not yet been fully explored, it is known that Ethiopia has large potash and iron ore reserves.

Part of the reason for this disparity between the potential and actual is given in the official Guide to Ethiopia:

There have as yet been no basic changes in the structure of Ethiopian society. The Emperor is the hereditary ruler. Then there are the great land-owning familes whose heads bear titles of nobility and who serve as ministers, officers of state, governors of provinces, military leaders and Church officials. Below the Imperial family and the nobles are the Amhara and Galla landed gentry who have been the major beneficiaries of educational opportunities abroad and make up much of the government personnel.

When the emperor in a speech in November 1961 declared, 'It is our aim that every Ethiopian own land,' the imperial family and the feudal nobility owned 65% of all the land and the State Church held between 20-30% of the most arable land. Article 2991 of the Civil Code provides that rent in kind levied on a tenant shall in no case exceed 75% of his crop yield. However, at the same time, the article provides that the land lord may evict any tenant who is unable to surrender 75% of his produce--in effect setting the rent at exactly 75%. In addition, this law allows that a new landlord may expel tenants of the former landlord when the land is transferred. On the other hand, the code holds that a peasant is allowed to terminate his services if he is too ill to work, providing that he gives four years notice, or if he dies. The latter condition needs no further comment. In connection with the first provison, however, it is significant to note that on the average it takes three years before land can be cleared for cultivation; thus the landlord is guaranteed productive land before the tenant is released from his obligation.

Aside from the payments in kind, the tenant is required to render various unspecified services to the landlord. It is estimated that the peasant's obligations in this regard amount to one out of three working days. Since the 1960 Civil Code, a Ministry of Land Reform and Administration has been established to further streamline the feudal property relations. In a 1966 study prepared by this Ministry, for example, it was found that in the Province of Sidamo most peasants made cash payments although the law states that tenants are expected to pay their rent in kind. In addition, 60% of the province's tenants were required to provide cash for government taxes normally paid by the landlord. Under the new administrative provisions, the peasant is increasingly burdened with the demands of an unstable economy.

In the course of its aggravated oppression, the feudal regime has increasingly made common cause with American imperialism. Part of the United States economic hold on Ethiopia can be seen in a New York Times, January 17, 1967 report.

Ralph Pearson Co. operates a $45 million mining project in the Danakil Desert. Dozens of American businessmen have already discovered Ethiopia, from a bookstore to a $100 million potash mining project, from a spice firm to two of the world's largest oil companies. More than 200 American companies also have agencies in Ethiopia. Among the reasons, one of Africa's most liberal investment policies, generous duty-free and tax exemption provisions, special laws protecting U.S. firms *against expropriations and vast potential in agriculture industry and mining.*

The United States has one of it's largest Peace Corps missions in Ethiopia. Ethiopia hosts the largest U.S. military "assistance" to Africa. The importance of the American base in Ethiopia is underlined by the New York Times (15 May 1965):

The Kagnew Station,... is in a relatively interference free area, and has many advantages as the African and Middle East link in the world wide system of U.S. communications. It is one of the most important stations of its kind in the world.

Haile Selassie, the "patron of African Unity", has not only leased Ethiopia to America, but has turned it into a base for the neo-colonialisation of the entire African continent. A report in Africa ('65 No. 18) states:

"There is evidence that the present Ethiopian government is an imperialist agent...The OAU has asked all member states to remove all military bases... The fact that there is an American base in Ethiopia threatens the independence of Ethiopians. The American MAGG military advisors, the mapping and geographical institute, and the Peace Corps' presence-all these strengthen the hold on imperialism in Ethiopia. The number of Americans active in the various agencies of neo-colonialism in Ethiopia is over 10,000. In addition, the number of their dependents is between 25,000 and 30,000. Apart from stations in the country side, the large residential urban areas are now American colonies. The continental significance of U.S. imperialism in Ethiopia can be seen in a report in the Illinois State Register (12 January 1964):

One of the most important showdowns between East and West is in the making in Ethiopia...Upon its outcome may depend whether the U.S. loses Africa. The U.S. must stand behind those who have supported it in the past in this

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case, emperor Haile Selassie. The benefit for the feudal government under the agreement on maintaining the military base is the American promise to keep the decadent regime in power.

However, this feudal oppression and imperialist exploitation has not gone unchallenged. Since the return of Haile Selassie from his sanctuary in Europe at the end of the Italian occupation, there have been a host of rebellions against the regime. In fact, a number of the patriotic liberation forces mobilized to resist the return of the feudal regime. The most important of these attempts to counter reactionary forces took place in the provinces of Gojjam and Tigre. The peasant nationalist revolt in Gojjam was suppressed by British imperialist forces, who came in support of the man they had preserved during the occupation. A leader of the resistance and the revolt against the feudal regime, Ballay Zelleke,, was publicly hanged. The revolt in Tigre province was crushed by the feudal army. Immediately after the rebellion in Gojjam, the Weyanne revolt broke out and lasted for over a year. It was finally suppressed with bombardments by RAF planes from Aden. In 1945, there was a major peasant revolt refusing payment of excessive taxes. Yet another rebellion in Ogaden was crushed by British forces in 1948. A peasant uprising in Wollo in 1958 was met with "the eradication of a whole chain of villages from the map of Ethiopia" 1960, peasants in Southern Ethiopia protested the dispossession of their land by the emperor's daughter and some of her children (Africa Today, May 1961.) This protest lead to the massacre of more than a thousand peasants. In December 1960, an attempted coup by the Imperial Bodyguard was put down by the army with the aid of planes flown by American pilots. All the leaders were subsequently hung.

Since the 1960 insurrection, the struggle for liberation from the oppressive feudal regime has reached a new stage. Students workers and peasants are carrying a nation wide resistance and have begun to consolidate their forces. The last eight years have been a period of extensive armed peasant struggles, initiated in Eritrea and Balle. Workers have continually staged strikes in protest of exploitative labour conditions. During the last year this national progressive struggle has been intensified. The heightened fight follows upon important developments in the political and social conditions of the country. The systematic difficulties of the nation have made a more conspicuous appearance. It is difficult to be precise about the dimensions of the current economic and fiscal problems because of the characteristic incompetence and obscurantism of the huge bureaucracy.

Since 1963, the price of food has gone up by 35.6% and the price of clothing has increased by 26.8% In the same period, wages have risen less than 5% while in some areas they have decreased by 12% This year the government has issued a directive prohibiting the employment of new personnel in government agencies for the next two years. Of those already in government service, employees in a number of provinces have not drawn salaries for over three months. In a hopeless attempt at survival, a series of new taxes have been imposed by the government. On imported food, for example, customs duties have increased by 50%. Yet more taxes were demanded of the peasantry. The regime's restrictions on education are indicative of its desperation. Of the 12,000 students who will be sitting for college entrance examinations this year, the government decided that there were places available for less than 2,000. A new annual school fee of Eth. $10 per child has been made compulsory. In addition, a fee of U.S. $10 is required for school entrance examinations. The effect of these fees on education in a country with a per capita income of $35 to $50 is self-evident.

This state of intensified oppression and exploitation has given rise to a national uprising of workers, peasants, students and other progressive elements. Workers have staged numerous attacks in various provinces demanding wage increments and the rights of labor organization. Among those engaged in the struggle are transportation workers, printing employees, and workers in the sugar factory. In some of these industries, leaders of the labor movement have been arbitrarily dismissed or physically eliminated. The workers have responded by going out on strike until the men are reinstated and reparations have been made.

In protest of the new taxes levied on land, peasant uprisings have spread to other regions in addition to those already underway in Balle, Borrena and Eritrea. The province of Gojjam has taken up arms against the regime. Similar uprisings are underway in Arussi and Harar. In retaliation, the government has mobilized its military and police forces against the peasant population of Ethiopia. Eritrea, Gojjam and other areas of peasant struggle have been under constant attack by army divisions which had been moved there. Air bombardment of these regions has been constant and severe. In many areas whole villages have been wiped out, and their inhabitants brutally murdered.

The Ethiopian Student Movement plays an important role in these struggles. Students are waging the struggle under the banner of land to the Tiller and Anti-Imperialism. The goal has become the building of a new Ethiopia based on a complete social transformation of the society. Reaffirming its resolute opposition to feudalism and imperialism, the Student Movement has drafted specific demands. The demands include: the withdrawal of recently instituted school and examination fees; a just and equitable distribution of scholarships granted by any foreign nation; cessation of the use of American Peace Corps teachers, whose function is to serve as agents of cultural imperialism in Ethiopia; immediate termination of the vast expenditures on extravagant entertainment of foreign guests and similar visits abroad by Ethiopian officials; the removal from office of those officials directly responsible for the state of the education system. The students also demand that various officials responsible for the killing of students during peaceful demonstrations be brought for public trials. University, secondary, and elementary school students throughout the nation staged demonstrations to voice these demands. They have been joined by parents, teachers and other youths in their action. The government retaliated by closing all schools and colleges for over a month. Later, when the institutions were ordered open, students refused to attend classes and continued to demonstrate until their demands are met. Since the autocracy made no gesture in this direction, almost all of the nation's schools and colleges remained closed for the rest of the school year. The Ethiopian Student Movement overseas has condemned the regime and supports the demands of the compatriots at home. Demonstrations of solidarity were held at Ethiopian Embassies in various capitals including Belgrade, Stockhomm, London, Moscow ,Paris and Washington, D.C.

Throughout this continuing struggle, the government has employed the full force of its repressive machinery. Many students have been killed and hundreds seriously wounded during the demonstrations. Thus far, more than two thousand students and youth have been imprisoned in labor camps outside the capital. Many others are in various provincial and district prisons. Hundreds of students have been expelled from schools and colleges and await court trial. The first group, consisting of four students and a teacher, have been sentenced to five years imprisonment and hard labor for alleged acts of defamation and endangering of national security.

Students and other persons held in connection with this year's struggle have been subjected to extremely brutal treatment in prison. Some have been fatally beaten; others have been tied to cars and dragged over pebble roads. Prisoners have been kept in ice or stagnant water for days on end. The use of electric shock as torture has become widespread. In March (1969) the regime decreed a Detention Act setting a three-month imprisonment for any suspect with a provision that the period can be extended at the discretion of the security arm of the security arm of the government. Armed with this fascist law, the reactionary regime has proceeded to subject thousands to the brutal practices it has perfected in an effort to forestall its downfall.

In the face of such persecution the present uprising continues. At the time of writing many are still in prison awaiting trial. New arrests among students , workers, and other progressive elements are being made everyday. All colleges and schools remain closed as the Ethiopian Student Movement is resolved to contine its struggle until all its demands are met.

The people and students of Ethiopia are all too familiar with the oppression and inhumanity of the feudal and neo colonialist regime in Ethiopia. But the diabolic nature of the government and the true condition of the masses of Ethiopia remain unknown to world public opinion. That such a regime through its control of the press and censorship should attempt to hide its despicable practices does not come as a surprise. It is all the more imperative therefore that all well meaning and progressive people everywhere make their voices heard in condemnation of its inhuman acts.

The present popular uprising is but a stage in the protracted struggle of the people of Ethiopia which will free Ethiopia from feudalism and imperialism, and allow the masses to build a nation whose history will be their own. We call upon all porgressive people to join our cause by actively contributing to the unmasking of the feudal and neo-colonialist regime. Above all, we urge you to acquaint all progressive forces everywhere with the cause of the oppressed masses of Ethiopia.

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THE PRISONERS HAVE ACQUIRED A CONSCIOUSNESS OF THEIR STRUGGLE IN ITALY

Collettive CR Milano The first collective and spontaneous uprisings against the Italian prison system took place in April 1969. Then, like a spark, the revolt spread to the San Vittore prison of Milan; to the Marassi prison (Genoa) and to the Nuove (Turin) bursting forth into arduous takeovers of the prison buildings. It took several days and a wide spread of police forces and gendarmens in state of war to silence the revolts of prisoners, who demanded immediate reform of the penal code and more humane living conditions.

This year, on August 1st, in the Roman prison of Regina Coeli, Antonio Coronas hung himself; he had been placed in isolation for drunkenness. A week prior to that, on July 22, in Milan, three youths held in the fourth district of San Vittore died by fire. Two of them were not yet twenty. Although it was not declared openly, the youths died in a gesture of desperate protests against the incredibly slow pace of legal proceedings (The Judge often goes on vacation, but the prisoners remain behind bars): they died in protest, too, against the beastly conditions of prison life in Italy --insufficient food, absence of toilets, censure of mail, books, magazines etc.; against the antiquated and inhuman prison rule code: against the never realized 'plans for reforms'.

The hydrants, not accessible for the fire in the cell where the three prisoners burned themselves alive. were miraculously accessible right afterwards to quench the revolt; and the repression was more brutal than ever. A comrade wrote to us from prison 'When police forces re-established order, pursuit began and then the prisoners of the fourth section were made to pass in single file between two lines of police who then beat them with belts, clubs, chains, kicks and fists. We could hear the screams; to give you some idea what they were like, you have to go to a slaughter house where they cut the pigs' throats. And it went on until one o'clock in the morning'. The bourgeois news have the audacity to report by radio; 'fatigue and signs of struggle could be seen on the faces and on the uniforms of the officers.' No mention was made of the injuries sustained by the prisoners.

Each time a riot occures in prison, the prisoners that incited or lead it are chained and transferred to smaller or more far away prisons, where, theoretically, these 'hot heads' can do no harm. But in fact, this system is boomerang-ing right back in the face of bourgeois "justice", because the rebels, either by instinct or by political choice, carry the seeds of revolution even into those more "tranquil" prisons. In fact you can no longer count the individual and collective protests and rebellions in the North and South; they are far too numerous.

Less than a month ago in the Regina Coeli prison in Rome, hundreds of prisoners went on hunger strike demanding abolition of preventive imprisonment; cessation of indiscriminate arrests and seizures; the respecting of defense rights, the end of assumed prisoners' guilt. Their example was followed immediately by the prisoners of the Civitavecchia prison. Protest for reforms of the penal code and the prison code of laws, and the struggle for humane treatment, should not let one loose sight of the fundamental class contradictions in the context of which these first large scale revolts took place.

In Italy, according to official statistics, 86 percent of prisoners are made up of elementary school education; and 83 percent are unemployed, underemployed or dependent laborers. The rich, it seems, do not go to prison. In Italy, moreover, 130 people are put in jail in order to find the guilty party. Preventive prison has a clearly class and discriminatory character and is applied today primarily for political crimes. The issuing of the arrest warrent is the responsibility of the magistrate, who makes rather broad use of it. There are comrades who, arrested in demonstrations for crimes they did not commit have remained in prison for two years and have not as yet been tried; the use of preventive imprisonment as a "lesson" here is clear. The vast majority of these will be declared innocent or given sentences of lesser duration than the time they have already spent in prison awaiting their trials.

And these are only a few aspects, a few illuminating facts on the profoundly class nature of the prison system, instrumental in the hands of the capitalists for oppressing the lower classes. The prisoners have acquired a consciousness of their struggle. Now the struggle can result only in the entire reversal of the whole social system. That revolt, which for so long was a voice of anger, perceptible only inside prison walls, has now been heard without, has joined the workers in the factories of Fiat, Pirelli and Michelin and is becoming the voice of the people. And the bourgeoisie cannot silence either with repression (beatings, transfers of revolt leaders) or with their stop-gap "reforms", this new and greater voice.

FROM FOLSOM PRISON

Faithful Comrades of my life:

Man is truly himself, truly whole and human, when his thoughts, his activities, are willed by himself, when he is not manipulated by blind reactionary forces. With this in mind, I greet you, Brave warriors of the Third World Liberation Front, in the liberated voice of the new convict: "All power to the convicts and down with the fascist California Penal System!"

All is going well here in the dungeon of Babylon. Everyone is holding his mud and growing stronger and more alert as the days creep slowly by. We have at last joined hands in racial solidarity to fight shoulder to shoulder against the barbarious persecution and violent repression by the reactionary California Department of Corrections. A few months ago people were complacent and apathetic. Well, we made believers out of the skeptics. An oppressed man stands up and fights back when oppression no longer seems to be an enduraole phenomenon. Most of us here at Folsom have come full circle to the realization that the existing penal system is on its way out and that a new indeed humanistic, penal system is arising and coming into being.

Contrary to Warden Craven's vicious lies and insults, we oppressed prisoners wish to make it clear that our "sit-down strike" was not organized by "outside forces." Warden Craven's blind accusations are totally unfounded and we deny them most strongly. After hundreds of years of brutal prison conditions, we oppressed prisoners are still thought to feed the flames of our discontent. According to Warden Craven, we oppressed pr oners are too naive and stupid to notice that we are being oppressed. We ·ed the help of "only outsiders" to remind us of the many oppressive conditions that malign and dominate our lives. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is clear as crystal that Warden Craven is desperately try-, ing to undermine the intelligence and integrity of the public in a vicious attempt to whip up some more right-wing sentiment.

Our sit-down strike was created by oppressive, inhumane conditions and the flagrant denial of our basic human rights. An oppressed man rebels against negative conditions, conditions that demean him as a human being. Folsom Prison is a "loathsome concrete purgatory and a nightmarish spawning grounds for frustration and hatred." Folsom is dirty and overcrowded. The food is deplorable. There are no wholesome programs for recreation. The educational and vocational trade programs are outmoded. The medical facilities are criminal. Our labor is being exploited by unscrupulous merchants who pay us slave wages. We are forced to serve unusually long periods of incarceration. The mailing and visiting privileges are unfair. Men are thrown in the hole for no other reason than their political beliefs. We are murdered and shot in the name of law and order. Most of the prison officials and guards come from the lowest element of the White racist attitude. The prison officials systematically breed a violent atmosphere of race hatred in a vicious attempt to create divisions between the Black, Brown and White prisoners. Our lives are in the hands of a fascist parole board that is totally unsympathetic to our time spent vegetating and degenerating. Yet we are too blind and ignorant to recognize these over oppressive conditions. The pig is mad!

California's prisons are not correcting or rehabilitating. Rehabilitacion is a sham from beginning to end. How do you rehabilitate a man who has never been "habilitated?" The emphasis of the California Penal system is not on rehabilitation but rather on "dehumanization." Most prisoners leave Folsom more frustrated and antisocial than when they entered. Why do you think recidivism is on the increase? Most of the prisoners here at Folsom are three and four time losers. It is clear that something is essentially wrong. It is clear that the penal system as it now exists must be changed.

Yes, we are holding our mud. We are sick and tired of being treated like dogs, and we are demanding an immediate end to the injustices that dominate our lives. Hell no! We are not going back to work not until our demands are met and carried out. The truth and the power are on our side. Without our labor, the Department of Corrections has nothing. So we say to you faithful comrades, have faith in us because we are going to hold our mud and walk all over these insane pigs who would dare oink in our faces. We stand with you in solidarity.

YOURS IN THE NEW ORDER!

Run Run
(Political Prisoner)

Chicago

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The Black Panther Party has opened 4233 S. Indiana as a Black Community Information Center for the people of the community. The purpose of this center is to open our doors to the people and present such programs as:

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We need people to cook and serve breakfast, help the children cross the streets safely and donate food and money to help the program survive. When shopping ask the store owner to donate food to the program, such as BREAD, EGGS, MILK, BACON, Etc. We ask the people of the community, mothers, fathers and young adults to come by at least one morning out of the week and help serve the children of our community. We must rely on each other to fight such oppressive conditions as hunger, we must unify behind the idea of helping our youth survive, and hunger is a killer of all.

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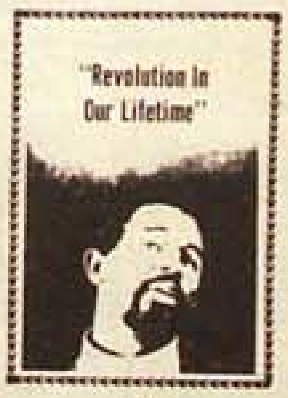
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Black Panther Party Platform and Program



What We Want What We Believe

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

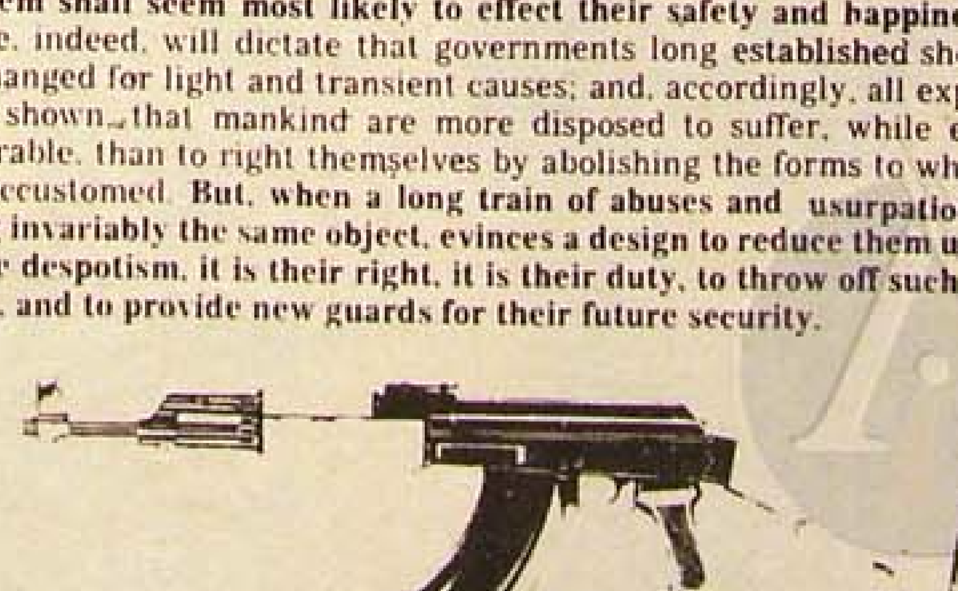
9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

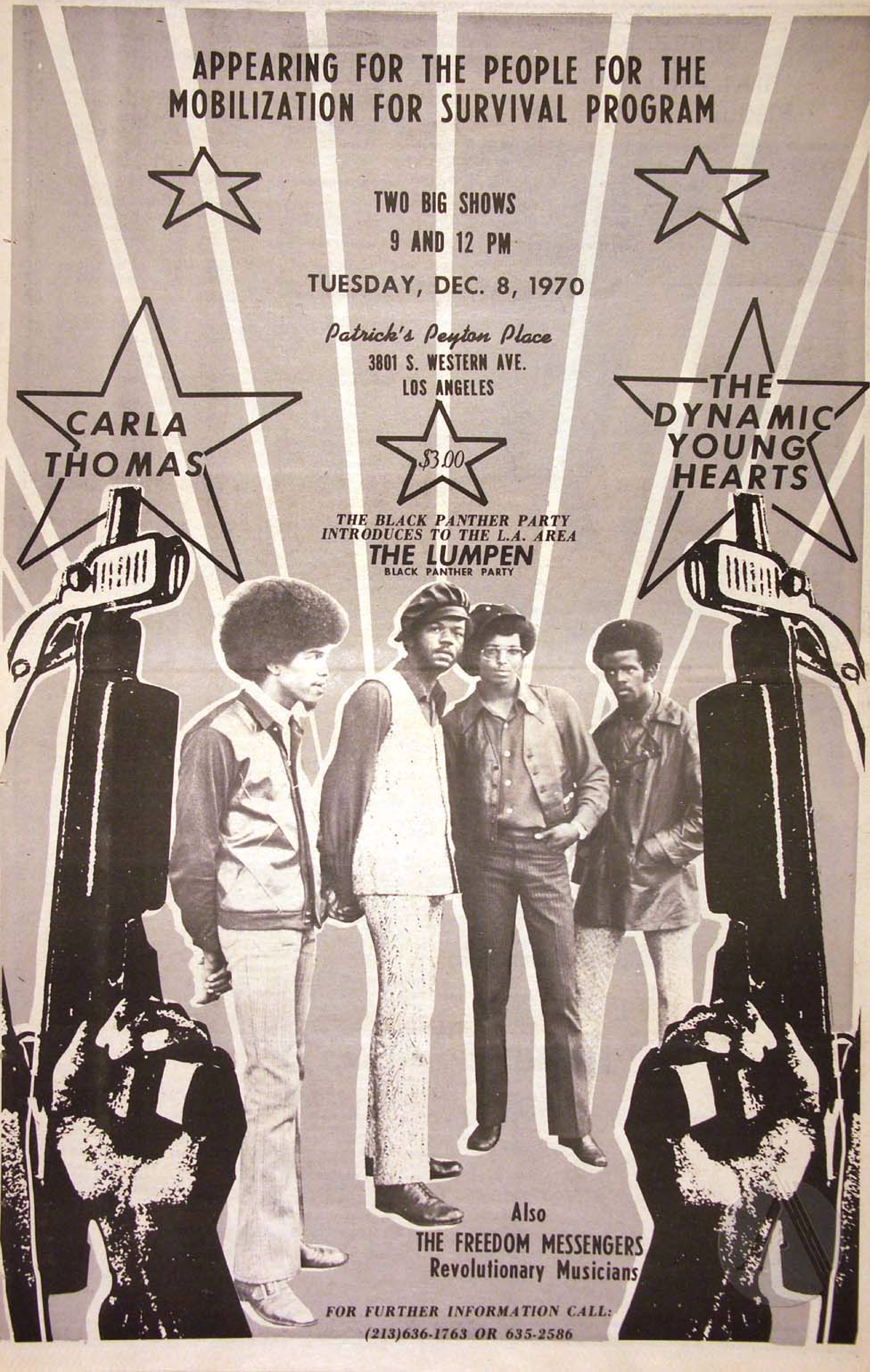
We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to **secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long **established** should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**




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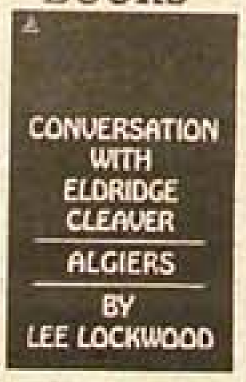


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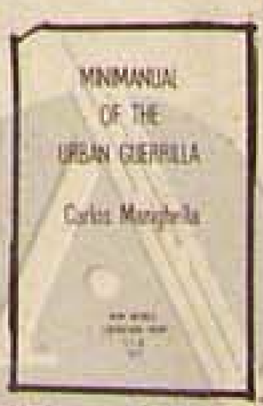
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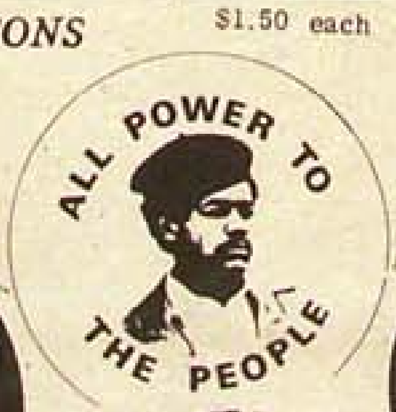
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